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SUBJECT: ZOHAYR MUHSEN DOWNGRADES 'ARAFAT'S MOSCOW VISIT

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1. SA'IQA LEADER ZOHAYR MUHSEN, WHO CRITICIZED 'ARAFAT'S RECENT JOURNEY TO USSR AND REFUSED TO ACCOMPANY DEL, RETURNED TO SUBJECT IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MAY 19 BY BEIRUT DAILY AL HAYAT. TAKING ISSUE WITH ARAFAT'S POST-TRIP DESCRIPTION OF HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW AS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, MUHSEN COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: "IT IS EXAGGERATED TO SAY THAT THE RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW HAS REALIZED UNUSUAL RESULTS. I LOOKED AT THE MINUTES OF THE MOSCOW MEETINGS BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE PLO EX COMM (MAY 11--UHSN REPORTEDLY DID NOT ATTEND THAT EX COMM SESSION) AND I DID NOT RPT NOT FIND ANYTHING UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW OR UNUSUAL IN THEM." REVERTING TO HIS PREVIOUS CRITICISM

OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO PLAY A MEDIATING ROLE IN ME, MUHSEN SAID
ISRAEL WOULD NEVER ACCEPT USSR AS MEDIATOR, "WHEREAS ARABS
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE US AS MEDIATOR."

2. IN SAME INTERVIEW, MUHSEN STATED HE HAD NOT RPT NOT
SEEN ANY INFORMATION REGARDING AN ALLEGED AGREEMENT PROVIDING
SYRIAN AIR COVER FOR JORDAN IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER WAR WITH
ISRAEL EXCEPT THAT EMANATING FROM ISRAELI SOURCES.
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